An able administrator and a respected classroom teacher, Dr. Victor A. Elconin is in his ninth year as chairman of the English department. Under his leadership the department's graduate program has grown both in scope and in prestige. "Our graduates today can compete well with graduates from any section of the country. We have been placing our Ph.D.s in the best universities," says Dr. Elconin. A recipient of a University award for excellence in teaching, Dr. Elconin in addition to his administrative duties teaches courses in the modern American novel and 19th century literature, directs advanced degree work, leads a survey course on American literature and presently is completing a book about Stephen Crane for a series on American writers published by the University of Minnesota Press.

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Dr. Duane H. D. Roller (right) stands before the entrance of the renowned DeGolyer Collection, part of the famed History of Science Collection housed in the Bizzell Library. As its curator since 1954, Dr. Roller has been responsible for its growth to more than 23,000 volumes. Largely through Dr. Roller’s efforts, the Collection’s reputation is world-wide. Dr. Roller also directed the inauguration of the history of science curriculum at O.U., which was the fourth school, after Cornell, Wisconsin and Harvard, to have such a program.

Dr. Chun C. Lin (left) came to the United States from his native Canton, China, when the Chinese Communists came to power in 1949. He holds degrees in chemistry and physics from the University of California, and a Ph.D. in chemistry from Harvard University. Dr. Lin joined the physics department faculty in 1955. He teaches courses in theoretical mechanics and in quantum mechanics and serves as curriculum adviser to graduate students. Dr. Lin’s research activities include microwave spectroscopy, magnetism, atomic collisions and molecular quantum mechanics.